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Abassan el Kebir	2/4/17		The 1st Battalion Imperial Camel Corps relieved the 3rd Battalion Imperial Camel Corps at Outposts 1 to 11 inclusive at 0900.	
"	3/4/17		1st Battalion relieved from outpost this morning. A body of about 100 mounted troops were seen about 1700 approaching from the South in the direction of SHEIK NURAN. At 1930 all Companies Lewis Guns took up positions and placed all in state of defence Lieut Cashman in charge notifying Brigade Headquarters when all was ready. Men at posts & in bivouac sleeping by their arms.	
"	4/4/17		No 4 Company provided 2 Sections to man the new Redoubt south of FUKARA going out dismounted after dark, remaining till 0545 when "all clear" was given.	
"	5/4/17		1st Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion at the Outpost at 0900. 1 N.C.O & 8 O.R remained at FUKARA redoubt until relieved at dusk.	
"	7/4/17		No 2 Company provided 2 Officers & 10 O.R to garrison the "GRAND GARAGE" redoubt remaining till "all clear" given at 0545.	
"	8/4/17		No 4 Company provided patrol of 1 Section including Lewis Guns & Signallers to proceed to WEH SHEIK NURAN moving out at 0400 and returning at night fall.	
"	10/4/17		At 0900 No 1 Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion at the Outposts. No 3 Company at TEL EL JEMMI. Lt Col Langley Capt Goldenstedt with Lt Stead R.E making a reconnaissance per Motor to MENDUR - reporting re crossing of WADI SHERIA. Hostile Aircraft machine gunned JEMMI post.	
"	11/4/17		No 4 Company to JEMMI - No 1 Company to NURAN & FARRAG to round up Natives. JEMMI post increased so as to make up 150 rifles exclusive of Machine gunners,	
"	12/4/17		No 1 Company to JEMMI - The Adjutant Captain Goldenstedt Col Richardson & Lieut Capron to MENDUR by car. Reconnoitred MUNKEILER and RASH el ETAWANEH - Motored to Dier el Belah Rafa bombed whilst at JEMMI. Lieut Clark with Section 3 miles South of GRAND GARAGE redoubt. brought back 11 Redouins, 1 shot. Enemy Aeroplane flew over outpost lines at 0445, machine gunned the line, no casualties.	

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Charing Cross	April 21		No change in dispositions - working party of 2nd Battalion shelled throughout the day - had a number of casualties - Led Camel bombed at El KUTSHAN several casualties amongst men and camels in 2nd Battalion. Relieved by the 161st Bde at 2400 -	
Abassan el Kebir	22		XX Retired from SHEIK ABBASS at 0230 and reached ABASSAN el KEBIR at 0730 -	
"	23		Moved up to ABU SITTA at 0920 -	
"	24		No change in disposition -	
"	25		No change	
"	26		At 0430 the Battalion moved up to the trenches between the points 330 and 360 - The Bde moved out at 1730 - the Battalion moved up to hold crossing and bridge head at HARIM el HASERI & Digging operations commenced.	
"	27		Digging at Bridgehead continues - 3 works taken in hand - Wiring commenced.	
"	28		Digging continued - trenches approaching completion. Heavy bombardment throughout the night(28/29) sounded from SHEIK ABBASS.	
"	29		Relieved at Bridge head by a Squadron of A.L.H. at 1230 - Moved to a position of reserve behind 2nd and 3rd Battalions, occupying trenches from Hill 310 (incd to the right of Infantry South of Jemmi & Heavy Artillery active in the direction of SHEIK ABBASS through the night (29/30) Led Camels to Dier el BELAH under the command of Major Mills.	
"	30		No change in disposition - 2 Companies digging - 2 with 3rd Battalion -1 with 2nd Bn.	
"	May 1		No change in disposition -	
"	2		No 2 and 3 Companies under Lieut Campbell moved out at 0800 for ELARISH under orders from A.	
"	3		Disposition unchanged.	
"	4		No 1 Company and Bn Headquarters moved to KHAN YUNAS for entrainment and relief - Entrained and moved in two Sections - one at 1730 under Col Langley the other at 2030 under Major Mills.	
"	5		Arrived at KANTARA per train at 0430 - second train at 0930 - marched to Balah and bivouacked the night.	
"	6		Marched on to Ferrys Post arriving at 1630.	